

ORDER

The last contact made by plaintiff's counsel Mr. Griffin with this court was made by way of his filed response in opposition to the defendants' motion in limine on September 18, 2019 (doc. 50). On December 27, 2019, the plaintiff Ms. Ross telephoned the court, telling the clerk that she had been unable to contact her attorney Mr. Griffin (doc. 54). The plaintiff was instructed to submit this information in writing for consideration by the court, but she failed to do so (*id.*). It has now come to the court's attention that Mr. Griffin is receiving inpatient treatment for a medical issue that has likely affected his continued representation of Ms. Ross for the time being. The court is further aware that the Office of Disciplinary Counsel is aware of Mr. Griffin's situation, and that the South Carolina Supreme Court is likely to issue an order regarding Mr. Griffin's current ability to practice law. In light of this information, a status conference was held on January 30, 2020 (doc. 55). The notice of hearing was served via CM/ECF upon Mr. Griffin, and the court ordered that Ms. Ross

be personally served by the United States Marshal Service (“USMS”) and via certified mail (*id.*). The USMS attempted to serve Ms. Ross at her residence located at 117 Perry Drive in Iva, South Carolina (doc. 58 at 1). No one answered the door when the USMS knocked and a business card was left (*id.*). According to tracking information with the United States Postal Service, the certified mail to Ms. Ross was delivered to her Post Office Box on January 27, 2020; however, at this time, it has not been picked up by Ms. Ross.

In light of the foregoing, the court requested Mr. Pruitt’s position on entering a stay in the instant matter. Mr. Pruitt indicated that under the circumstances it appeared that a stay would be appropriate. It is therefore

ORDERED that the case is hereby stayed until further notice of the court. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail this notice with return receipt requested to Ms. Ross at Post Office Box 1204, Iva, South Carolina 29655, as well as to 117 Perry Drive, Iva, South Carolina 29655.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

January 30, 2020
Greenville, South Carolina

s/Kevin F. McDonald
United States Magistrate Judge